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To: Environment Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Cohen & Rep. Gresko, and Transportation Co-Chairs Sen. Haskell & Rep. Lemar and committee members

From: Sustainable Fairfield Task Force

Re: **SUPPORT for HB 5039 An Act Concerning Medium and Heavy Duty Truck Standards and SB 4 AAC The Connecticut Clean Air Act**

Esteemed members of the Legislature,

The Sustainable Fairfield Task Force would like to express its **SUPPORT** for these two bills. HB 5039 will allow Connecticut to reduce emissions from medium and heavy duty buses through adoption of California's medium and heavy duty vehicle emission standards, including the Advanced Clean Truck Rule (ACT) and the Heavy-Duty Omnibus NOx Rule (HDO).

ACT requires vehicle manufacturers to sell an increasing percentage of zero emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles, like trucks and school buses, each year. In addition, HDO sets emission standards to reduce harmful NOx and particulate matter (PM2.5) from medium-and heavy-duty vehicle engines.

SB 4 AAC addresses the pollution from light duty vehicles and requires that school buses in environmental justice communities be zero emission by 2030, with the rest of the state following in 2035.

Connecticut must immediately address its climate goals. As nearly 40% of our pollution in CT is generated by the transportation sector, both of these bills address much needed solutions to public health, environmental justice

and the climate crisis. We hope that you will consider both bills and move them quickly towards passage.

Thank you,

Bob Wall, Chair
Sustainable Fairfield Task Force